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SUBJECT: PORT VISITS TO SEYCHELLES FOR USS LONG BEACH  
AND USS CAMDEN

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(B) CINCUSNAVEUR 141040Z JAN 75 (NOTAL); (C) CINCPACFLT  
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1. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS RAISED WITH WILBERFORCE OF THE  
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BRITISH EMBASSY OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE SEYCHELLES DEPUTY

GOVERNOR'S DENIAL OF OUR REQUEST FOR THE VISITS OF USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9) AND USS CAMDEN (ADE-2) TO PORT VICTORIA IN THE SEYCHELLES DURING THE PERIOD 5-7 AND 7-9 FEBRUARY RESPECTIVELY.

2. WE EMPHASIZED THAT DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S REPLY (REF A) SUGGESTED THAT PROBLEM WITH VISIT LAY IN THE NPW AREA (LONG BEACH IS NUCLEAR-POWERED) AND THAT THIS WAS DISTURBING ON GROUNDS BOTH OF PRINCIPLE AND OF PRESSING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PORT CALLS FOR USN SHIPS NOW DEPLOYED IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. WE INDICATED WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MATTER MAY HAVE BEEN EXPLORED INFORMALLY BETWEEN USNAVEUR AND ROYAL NAVY THIS MORNING (REF B) BUT THAT WE WISHED, BY DISCUSSING THE MATTER FORMALLY WITH BRITISH EMBASSY HERE, TO

RAISE OUR CONCERNS TO THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LEVEL AND TO EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT HMG WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO RECONSIDER THE MATTER.

3. WILBERFORCE INDICATED SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PROBLEM. HE SAID HE HAD JUST LEARNED OF THE TURN-DOWN FROM THE MILITARY SIDE OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE, THAT HE KNEW NOTHING MORE THAN WE HAD TOLD HIM, BUT THAT HE WOULD PROMPTLY PUT THE MATTER -- AND OUR REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION -- TO THE FCO IN LONDON. KISSINGER

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